GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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GURUKULS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Gurukuls functioning at present in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of children studying in these Gurukuls, State-wise;

(c) whether the financial assistance provided to them is adequate for their functioning;

(d) if so, whether plans have been drawn for comprehensive development of these Gurukuls;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the funds proposed to be earmarked during the Tenth Five Year Plan, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINIS OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (b) Gurukuls are traditional private educational institutions that typically impart Sanskrit and Vedic education as part of their curriculum. No record is maintained at the Center of the total number of Gurukuls in the country or the number of students in them.

(c) to (f) Under the Scheme of Financial assistanceto Voluntary Sanskrit Organizations of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi, (a Deemed to be University) and the Scheme of Financial Assistance to Vedic Institutions of Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Prathishthan, Ujjain (an autonomous organization of the Government) financial assistance is provided to various Gurukuls that are recommended for aid by the concerned State Government. There is no separate amount earmarked for Gurukuls. These funds are usually meant for the teachers' salaries, scholarships to students and Vedic studies.

Since Gurukuls are private institutions, the Central Government has not drawn up any plans for their comprehensive development.